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Macomb County offers help with downpayments

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – A family of five in a two-bedroom apartment has been the reality for Carolynn Amara for the past six years. Tired of renting, and in desperate need of more space, Amara began researching what options her limited resources allowed.

Her research eventually brought her to the Macomb County Community Services Agency's Web site and information on the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI), a program which helps perspective homeowners save money for a first-time home purchase.

Enrollees to the program must complete 30 hours of homebuyer and financial education classes and make monthly contributions into a special savings account, with the goal of raising \$2,500. Participants who complete these requirements will receive an additional \$7,500 towards their down payment and closing costs.

Amara completed the classes and saved the required money in six months. Now her family has plenty of room to stretch out in its spacious three-bedroom bungalow in Roseville. Amara closed on the house April 7.

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“If someone is really serious, then this program is a dream come true,” Amara said. Her family is the first in Macomb County to complete the ADDI program and purchase a home.

Applicants to the program must be current residents of Macomb County and meet income and other eligibility requirements. For more information call 586-469-7378 or visit www.macombcountymi.gov/MCCSA/ida.asp.

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About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state’s fastest rates of growth. Its 834,000 residents make it Michigan’s third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan’s second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.